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On behalf of all members we extend our congratulations to Messrs. L. Baresch, J. B. Marriott and W. A. Townsend on their election to fellowship of The Royal Philatelic Society, London. We also accord a warm welcome to the following who have enrolled as members of our Circle during the last few weeks: E. Baynes, R. J. Devaux (Canada), S. V. Jenman, G. H. Ormston and W. B. Stitt (US.A.).

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From the plan included in the prospectus of the above Exhibition published in November, 1958,* it will be observed that space has been set aside for Society exhibits which, incidentally, will not be eligible for competition. Provisional application has been made on behalf of our Circle for two frames (32 standard album pages) and members, including those who intend to show individually, who are willing to give their support by loaning **not more than three pages** of material of high standard are requested to advise our Hon. Secretary as soon as possible.

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OBITUARY

It is with regret we record the death of our member Mr. Gordon L. Thorne which took place on November 29th, 1958, after a long illness. Mr. Thorne was one of our earliest members and had been President of the Southampton & District Philatelic Society from the year of its foundation in 1932. His main philatelic interest was Jamaica and we always looked forward to his joining us at our meeting at Congress. Our sincere sympathies are extended to his widow in her sad bereavement.

STAMPEX 1959

At Central Hull. Westminster, S.W.1, 13th -21st March. 1959.

As announced in our January issue, our Circle was invited to contribute an exhibit, for which three frames, Nos. 65, 66 and 67 were allocated. For the benefit of those who were unable to attend, the following is a brief account of the material shown.

Bahamas: Perkins Bacon issues prefaced by plate proofs. S.G. 1. On thick paper, used and the De La Rue printings with mint and used including the scarce 6d. rose-lilac, S.G.28a, used. **Cayman** Islands**:** An interesting selection commencing with a cover bearing horizontal pair of Jamaica Q.V. ½d. green cancelled with the violet oval "GRAND CAYMAN/DEC.22 1891/POST OFFICE" postmark. Examples of S.G. 8, 9, 10, 11and 12 with the very rare third GEORGETOWN postmark the 1/- value being on the only recorded cover. **St. Christopher:** Pre-adhesives and the issued stamps.

Individual exhibits of B.W.I. material by our members, whose names are given in brackets, were as follows: **Barbados:** the De La Rue issues particularly the "Nelson" and "Victory" including an outstanding series of proofs and sketches, many of which were unique. (Mr. E. K. Lickfold).

Dominica: Pre-adhesives showing early hand-struck marks including one of the two known examples of the "DOMINICO" stamp and G.B. stamps issued in Dominica with the "A07" obliterator. Also Die proofs and irnperforate stamps from the imprimatur sheets. This display was outstanding for the number of covers and multiple pieces of the surcharged provisionals. (Mr. F. J. N. Nabarro). **Grenada:** Die proofs of the 1d. and 6d. in black on India paper, 1d., S.G.3 with "CANCELLED", one of six which exist; 6d. deep rose, S.G.8a, sideways wmk. used pair. 1873 (?) 1d. yellow-green, pert. 15; only a few sheets of this shade were printed owing to wastage during perforation. (Mrs M. W. Taylor). **Leeward Islands:** Covers from the various islands in the Leeward group and a specialised study of the printing flaws on the George VI issues illustrating the various characteristics to be found. (Mr. E. V. Toeg). **Trinidad:** 1847 Lady McLeod on cover and a selection of all issues from the lithographed printings through to the 1896 surface-printed Britannia type with many rare proofs, and a fine group of covers. (Mr J. B. Marriott). **Virgin Islands:** A specialised study of the early issues, outstanding for its proof material, including the "missing Virgin", and a wealth of complete mint sheets and blocks. (Mr W. Frazer).

Two other members, Mr. B. B. Benwell and Comdr. G. Bridgmore Brown, contributed material on behalf of the Orpington and Croydon Philatelic Societies respectively.

41st PHILATELIC CONGRESS OF GREAT BRITAIN

The usual meeting of our Circle will take place on the **Thursday evening - June 11th - at Torre Abbey at 9.30 p.m.** It is hoped that our President will take the chair and members who attend are requested to bring along a **dozen** or so of his (or her) favourite pages to pass round and also a note of any queries to be discussed.

OUR LIBRARY

Below is a list of books which form the nucleus of our Library. It is hoped that by purchase, and better still by gift, many more will be added in course of time. Members wishing to borrow any of these books will be required to pay postage both ways and it is important that the volume or volumes borrowed are securely packed and sent by **registered post.** Those books listed under the heading of "General" do not necessarily treat of British West Indies stamps, although the "De La Rue History" is an exception.

BAHAMAS. The Postage Stamps and Postal History of the Bahamas. By Harold G. D. Gisburn. 5½" x 8½". 144pp. Ills. c.b. Published by Stanley Gibbons. Ltd., London, 1950.

BERMUDA. Bermuda: The 1910-36 "Ship" Type Stamps. By M. H. Ludington. 4¾" x 7". 35pp. Ills. p.c. Published by the Junior Philatelic Society, London, 1955.

The Handstruck Stamps and Cancellations. By M. H. Ludington. 7¼" x 9½". 40-4pp. Ills. p.c. Published by Robson Lowe Ltd. 1956.

CAYMAN ISLANDS. Cayman Islands. By Fred J. Melville. 4¼" x 6½". 68pp. Ills. p.c. (Melville Stamp Book No. 17). Published by Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., London, 1912.

The Postage Stamps of the Cayman Islands. By Fred J. Melville. 6" x 9¼". 22pp. Ills. p.c. (This is the American edition of the Melville Stamp Book, published by Severn-Wylie-Jewett Co., U.S.A., 1920.)

GRENADA. Grenada. To which is prefixed an Account of the Perforations of the Perkins Bacon Printed Stamps of the British Colonies. By E. D. Bacon and F. H. Napier. 5½" x 8½". 173pp. Ills. c.b. Published by Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., London (1901 or 1902).

.**JAMAICA.** Jamaica. By Fred J. Melville. 4¼" x 6½". 89pp. Ills. p.c. (Melville Stamp Book No. 12). Published by Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., London. 1911.

A Reference List of the Stamps of Jamaica. Specially compiled for the Sectional Catalogue Sub-Committee of the Philatelic Congress of Great Britain, by W. Buckland Edwards, 4¾" x 7¼". 16pp. p.c. London, 1923.

Jamaica. Its Postal History, Postage Stamps and Postmarks. Jointly edited by G. W. Collett, W. Buckland Edwards, C. S. Morton and L. C. C. Nicholson. 5½" x 8¾", 248pp. Ills. c.b. Published by Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., London, 1928.

LEEWARD ISLANDS. The Postage Stamps of the Leeward Islands. By A. E. Hopkins. Together with some geographical and other notes on the Leeward Islands group and notes on the later issues, by F. Hugh Vallancey. 4¾" x 7¼". 27pp. p.c. Published by Ramsay Stewart, Edinburgh, 1949.

NEVIS. Nevis. By Fred J. Melville. 4¼" x 6½". 60pp. Ills. p.c. (Melville Stamp Book No. 5.) Published by Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., London, 1910.

General

Background to Philately. An Anthology of Papers read at the Philatelic Congress of Great Britain. Selected for the Permanent Congress Executive Committee by Leslie R. Ray and B. Rogers-Tillstone. 5¾" x 8¾", 224pp. c.b. Published by the Blandford Press, London. 1953.

General (Continued)

A Short History of the British West Indies. By H. V. Wiseman, M.A., B.Sc. 5¾" x 7½". 159pp. Ills. c.b. Published by University of London Press, Ltd., London, 1950.

The De La Rue History of British & Foreign Postage Stamps 1855 to 1901. By John Easton. 6" x 9½". 846pp. Ills. c.b. Published by Faber and Faber for the Royal Philatelic Society, London, 1958.

The Pocket Guide to the West Indies, British Guiana, British Honduras, Bermuda, The Spanish Main, Surinam & The Panama Canal. By Sir Algernon Aspinwall, K.C.M.G., C.B.E. 4¼" x 6½". 525pp. Ills. c.b. Published by Methuen & Co. Ltd., London. (New & Revised Edition 1939.)

(Abbrs. c.b. = cloth bound; p.c. = paper cover: Ills. = Illustrated)

ROSE TITFORD,
Hon. Librarian.

DISPLAY

To The Orpington Philatelic Society on 22nd January 1959

Our Chairman, accompanied by Messrs A. E. Beach and J. J. Turner, gave a display of varied material which was well received by those present who demonstrated their keen interest by asking numerous questions. A selection of ANTIGUA loaned by our Committee member Mr. G. W. Groves was shown on his behalf, by our Chairman which included interesting letters from the Codrington Correspondence which illustrated the various types of handstamps in use from 1790; adhesive stamps of Great Britain used in the colony from 1858 while its postal affairs were administered from the G.P.O. London and a fine selection of the line-engraved stamps issued by the colony from 1862 onwards. Mr. J. J. Turners display covered ST. VINCENT with pre-adhesives with the straight-line "St. Vincent" handstamp, the Perkins Bacon line-engraved stamps from 1861 with a scarce and remarkably fine specimen of the 5/- (ex Caspary collection) and some examples of the De La Rue printings from the Perkins Bacon plates (which he considered compared unfavourably with the earlier printings). Mr. A. E. Beach's contribution of **TOBAGO** included pre-adhesives one being the rare "TOBAGO/OCT 4 1800" in two straight lines (R.L. Type PF) which may be the earliest known date; contemporary G.B. stamps used in TOBAGO (1856-58), examples of the first stamp issue (1879) including the £1 lilac and a Die Proof on glazed card; the 1880 issue with imperf. plate proofs, SPECIMEN overprints and two Sperati "proofs"; a selection of bisects up to 2½d rate, the later surcharges also Key Plate varieties; an interesting cover from G.B. (1890) with a pair of Tobago 4d stamps used as Postage Dues. Cdr. G. Bridgmore Brown presented a miscellany of interesting items from BERMUDA, which included pre-adhesives illustrating some of the handstruck stamps between 1841 and 1865; a specimen of the 1d of 1865 issued imperforate (which he ascribed to a date between 1879 and 1883); the compound perforations (which he traced to 1876-78 although not issued until many years later); cleaned fiscally used copies of the K.G.V. 10/- with forged postmark and, for air mail enthusiasts, a number of "First Flights" to and from Bermuda.

SALES CIRCUIT

I have to report that sales just passed the 100 mark in 1958 which I regard as somewhat disappointing when compared with the figure of 263 in 1957. A number of members have expressed their concern at the infrequency of receiving packets. To this there is just one simple answer and that is the lack of material. Much of what has been sent to me has been of poor quality and I have had to give serious thought as to whether it should be circulated. Until the flow of material shows a marked increase members with restricted interests will have to face the fact that, with the exception of Jamaica, many future packets will be of a general nature and, in consequence, contain some items of the B.W.I. group other than those in which they specialise. If every member will make a real effort to send me something even if it is only two or three pages, attractively priced, I am confident that my report for 1959 will present an encouraging improvement in the results achieved. For the benefit of new members I would add that material should be mounted on loose sheets the same size as this bulletin page leaving a ½" margin on the left-hand side.

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NOTES & QUERIES

It will be appreciated that our Bulletin constitutes the vital link between us and is **mainly** dependent upon a steady flow of contributions from members. These may either afford information or raise points upon which enlightenment is sought, and it will be helpful if S.G. numbers are quoted wherever possible. **In this connection it is essential that all communications are addressed to the Hon. Secretary in order that publicity can be given in the Bulletin subject to the Editor's discretion.**

ERRATA

Bulletin No. 20

Page 8 **Mr. F. G. Howe draws attention to the following errors: LETHAM should read LETHEM and WESTERN HOFF ISLAND should read WESTERN HOGG ISLAND. He also informs us that YUPUKARI re-opened OH August 1st, 1957.**

Page 13 Mr. E. V. Toeg draws notice to the fact that paragraph 10 should read 'S.G.23.1d. with c.d.s. containing ST. KITTS SP SP 14 03.' The first 'SP' is the abbreviation for Sandy Point and the second 'SP' for the month of September.

BAHAMAS
POSTAL MARKINGS

"Since my previous notes appeared, I have acquired two small but nice collections, and can now reply to a number of Mr. Coasby's queries. First I would like to point out that all my previous notes, as well as these, are based on items in my collection, and are always subject to amendments, especially where dates are concerned. Temporarily, and until we are sure that all types have been recorded, I feel that Mr. Gisburn's type numbers are adequate, with the exception of his Types 14 and 22, which I have attempted to reclassify below.

Type 1. I now also have this on S.G. 28 dated 20th March 1871. In the case of Bermuda during the 1860's and 1870's the postmasters had instructions from the G.P.O. in London to cancel adhesive stamps with their bar cancellations and to apply the datestamp nearby. Nevertheless datestamps, including several pre-adhesive types, are frequently found cancelling stamps - a single operation for each letter instead of two! I feel sure that the same instructions were applicable in the Bahamas, and that the use of Types 1 and 2 as cancellations was no more irregular there than in Bermuda.

Type 5. In the new and current type the 'B ' is only 5.75mm. high, instead of 7.5mm., and is a plain sans-serif block letter with all the strokes of even width. I do not know when the original 'B' was discarded, but impressions of it by 1920 are frequently dirty and obviously very worn.

Type 7. Late date, 20th February 1911 on cover from Inagua. The cover has the Inagua datestamp to the left of the adhesive, the Nassau arrival datestamp of the 28th below, and 'ADVERTISED' and 'UNCLAIMED' all on the front. The ink of the Type 7 is not the same as the Inagua datestamp, but appears identical to that of the three Nassau markings, so it would seem that the Type 7 was applied in Nassau and not Inagua.

Type 9. Add:

HOPETOWN	(C.1890-C.1924)	RUM CAY	(c.l894-c.l924)
MARSH HARBOUR (P.O. opened in 1890s)	(-C.1924)	SPANISH WELLS	(c.l906-c.l913)
RAGGED ISLAND	(C.1910-C.1924)	THE BIGHT	(c.l890)

Type 13. Add:

ACKLINS ISLAND	(c.l905-c.l925)	PORT HOWE	(c.l925-c.l932)

Types 14 and 22. The following is a tentative reclassification of all the single line circle datestamps with the date in one line, based on their diameters and the height of the lettering of the names.

Type.	Diameter in mm.	Height of lettering of names in mm.	Remarks.
A.	24.5 - 25.0	3.0 - 3.25	Narrow lettering
B.	24.5 - 25.25	3.0 - 3.25	Broader lettering
C.	25.75	3.25	Inagua & Savannah Sound only.
D.	24.5 - 25.0	3.0 - 3.25	Name of Island at foot instead of 'BAHAMAS'

E.	25.0 exactly	3.5 exactly
F.	25.25 – 2 5.75	3.5 - 3.75
G.	25.0 exactly	4.0 exactly
H.	25.25 - 26.0	4.0
I.	26	4.5

Types A, B, C and D are Gisburn's Type 14; the rest are Gisburn's Type 22. The dates in the following list are the earliest and latest of examples in my collection.

TYPE A.

ARTHURS TOWN	5.4.13	15. 7.24	GREGORY TOWN	11.7.15	25. 3.25
BEHRING POINT	13.6.25	17. 8.47	HARBOUR ISLAND	25.9.09	7. 7.24
GEORGE TOWN	3.1.12	7.10.29	INAGUA	9.4.07	12.9.24
			PALMETTO POINT	13.6.14	16.9.16
GOVERNORS HARBOUR	19.5.06	1. 7.24	SPENCER'S POINT	5.7.11	25.9.12
GREAT GUANO CAY	9. 8.24	-.-.56	STEVENTON	-.9.11	13.3.25
GREEN TURTLE CAY	29?4.12	7. 7.24	'THE BIGHT'	10.2.12	6.3.48
			THE FERRY EXUMA	16.5 13	25.3.30

TYPE B.

BIMINI	-.5.18	9. 8.24	OLD BIGHT	on K.G. V Script	
BIMINI ('BAHAMAS' longer)	12. 5.37	4.10.55	OLD PLACE	20.9.18	-.-.30
			PALMETTO POINT	8.10.32	16. 2.49
FRESH CREEK	8.6.36	7? 8.47	PURE GOLD	18. 9.32	17.10.55
GEORGE TOWN	22. 8.32	-. 5.47	ROCK SOUND	14. 3.46	-.11.49
GREGORY TOWN	.12?46	7.11.47	SPANISH WELLS	18. 4.21	15. 2.47
HARBOUR ISLAND	26. 8.54	10. 2.56	SPRING POINT	18. 5.34	3. 6.47
HATCHET BAY	-.11.36	21. 5.47	STEVENTON	6. 8.47	30. 8.49
INAGUA (both names shorter than Type C)	16.11.32	29.4.36	THE FERRY ('EXUMA' omitted)	-. 3.32	7. 2.56
LONG CAY	28. 7.47		TRUE BLUE	26. 2.54	
MAN-0-WAR CAY ("F" omitted)	-. 6.46	12. 3.47	WEMYSS BIGHT	12. 8.47	22. 2.49

TYPE C.

INAGUA (both names longer than Type B)	9.4.39	-.11.55	SAVANNAH SOUND	18.11.48	-.-.50

TYPE D.

CLARENCE TOWN/ LONG ISLAND	28. 5.16	1.10.27

TYPE E.

ABRAHAM'S BAY	21. 6.47		DEADMAN'S CAY	18. 7.24	
ALICE TOWN	6.11.47	2. 2.56	DUNDAS TOWN	17. 3. 58	
ARTHUR'S TOWN (with apostrophe)	25. 9.47		LOWER DEADMANS CAY	27. 2.54	

BANNERMAN TOWN	-.-.25	6.11.47	MAN-OF-WAR CAY	27.12.52	21.12.55
CLARENCE TOWN	25.11.42	-.-.47	PIRATES WELL	28. 4.58	
			PORT HOWE	24. 9.47	

TYPE F.

BLUFF ELEU	6.11.47		NICOLLS TOWN	20. 4.14	4. 9.24
FAIRFIELD	28.10.55		NORTH PALMETTO POINT	-. 5.47	
GOVERNORS HARBOUR	6.11.47	9. 4.56			
GREEN TURTLE CAY	18.11.35	31. 8.57	PALMETTO POINT	27. 7.55	7. 7.56
HATCHET BAY	11. 8.11	4.10.24	PINE RIDGE	21. 8.50	
HOPE TOWN	18.11.39	25. 9.47	ROCK SOUND*	11.11.16	11. 1.27
JAMES' CISTERN (5mm. between names)	30. 7.47		SAVANNAH SOUND	4.10.24	
KEMPS BAY (4mm. between names)	-. 8.47		SHIRLEY STREET	10.10.42	7.11.56
			SOUTH PALMETTO POINT	5. 1.49	
LIGNUM VITAE CAY	29. 9.32	17. 2.49	STANYARD CREEK	14. 2.41	20. 1.47
LONG BAY CAYS	21. 3.25		TARPUM BAY	13.11.14	23. 3.29
LOWER BOGUE	20. 4.12	20. 1.17	THE BIGHT (no inv. commas)	14. 4.51	23.12.56
MANGROVE CAY	-.5.12	12. 7.24	THE CURRENT (narrow lettering)	-. 7.18	25. 3.25
MARSH HARBOUR	24. 9.47				
MASTIC POINT	22. 4.11	22. 3.25			

* Circle missing 6.10.24, but only partly missing 11.1.27.

TYPE G.

GEORGE TOWN	30. 1.56		ROCK SOUND	27. 8.55	
GREEN CASTLE	19.12.50		SIMMS	30. 1.51	
GREGORY TOWN	25. 1.56		SNUG CORNER	9.12.50	
HARBOUR ISLAND	1. 1.42	2. 4.48	SPANISH WELLS	21.12.55	
			WEMYSS' BIGHT	10. 5.55	

TYPE H.

BARRATERRE	30.11.57		LONG BAY CAYS	6. 3.51	
BURNT GROUND	22.11.47		LOWER BOGUE (inscribed 'BOQUE')	17.10.50	
CAT CAY	-.-.44				
CHEROKEE SOUND	16. 7.44		MANGROVE CAY	3. 8.47	
CLARENCE TOWN	3.11.51		MASTIC POINT	1. 9.47	
COLONEL HILL	6. 9.46		MOSS TOWN	11.11.47	
DEADMANS CAY	2.10.46		MOUNT THOMPSON	15. 8.47	18.11.51
DEEP CREEK (Eleuthera)	1.11.56		NICOLLS TOWN	20. 8.47	
DEVILS POINT	18. 1.51		OLD BIGHT	-. -.47	

EIGHT MILE ROCK	25. 1. 47		PIRATES WELL	20.10.46	
FARMERS CAY	12.11.47		RAGGED ISLAND	21. 1.46	
FOX HILL	14. 8.47		ROLLE TOWN	25. 4.48	
GAMBIER	16. 4.53		RUM CAY	16. 5.47	
GRANTS TOWN	13. 1.47		SAN SALVADOR	8. 8.47	
INDUSTRIOUS HILL	31.10.47		TARPUM BAY	25. 7.47	
JAMES' CISTERN (6.25mm. between names.)	9. 9.24	17. -.30	THE CURRENT (broad lettering)	6. 1.48	
KEMPS BAY (9.0mm. between names)	20. 3.25		WEST END	-. 3.33	7.11.47

TYPE I.

BLUFF (lettering 3.5mm. high)	5. 9.24		GRAYS (lettering 4 5mm high)	11.11.47	

The following of the above Types may be found in colour:

IN BLUE

BIMINI (Type B, 'BAHAMAS' long)	12. 5.37		ROCK SOUND (Type B)	-. 8.49	-.11.49
COLONEL HILL (Type H)	6. 9.46		SIMMS (Type G)	30. 1.51	
GEORGE TOWN (Type A)	12. 7.24		'THE BIGHT' (Type A)	16. 7.24	
			WEMYSS BIGHT (Type G)	10. 5.55	

IN BLUE-BLACK

NORTH PALMETTO POINT (Type F)	-. 5.47		PIRATES WELL (Type H)	20.10.46	
			SNUG CORNER (Type G)	9.12.50	10. 2.51

IN PURPLE

GEORGE TOWN (Type A)	3. 1.12	14. 6.12	RAGGED ISLAND (Type H)	21. 1.46	7.10.47
GOVERNORS HARBOUR (Type A)	-. -.17		ROCK SOUND (Type F. Circle completely missing)	16.10.24	
LOWER DEADMANS CAY (Type E)	27. 2.54	13. 3.54	ROLLE TOWN (Type H)	25. 4.48	
MOSS TOWN (Type H)	11.11.47		'THE BIGHT' (Type A)	20. 5.22	
MOUNT THOMPSON (Type H)	15. 8.47	18.11.51			

IN PURPLE-BLACK

CLARENCE TOWN (Type D)	10.10.24		ROCK SOUND (Type B)	30. 7.47	
FARMERS CAY (Type H)	12.11.47				

NASSAU. Single line circle datestamps with the date in one line, C.1907-1959.

1 & 2. Two practically identical datestamps. Diameters 24.5mm. Height of lettering of names 3.0mm.

1. Distance from "N" to "B" 7mm. Earliest date 15.7.07, latest 28.10.24. Undamaged until at least 27.5.20. Top of first "A" of 'BAHAMAS' broken off by 9.7.24.
2. Distance from "N" to "B" 6.5mm. Earliest date 18.7.11, latest 7.8.24. Circle broken below 'AH' by 18.7.11, but "H" undamaged. Top of left stroke of "H" missing by 3.2.12. No further damage by 16.10.18. Bottom of left stroke of "N" missing, and two further breaks in circle above either side of second "S" of "NASSAU" by 24.9.20.
3. Diameter 24.25mm. Height of lettering of names 3.0mm. Letters much broader than in 1 and 2. Date extends beyond inside diameter of names. Earliest date 26.12.24, latest 23.9.35.
4. Diameter 25.25 mm. Height of lettering of names 4.0mm. Distance from "N" to "B" 6.5 mm., "B" to "S" 14.5mm. Earliest date 11.3.38, latest 22.9.53. Still current?
5. Identical to 4 except that distance from "N" to "B" is 6.0mm., and "B" to "S" is 15mm. Earliest date 24.10.49. Still current?
6. Diameter 25.25mm. Height of lettering of names 3.5mm. Distance from "N" to "B" 4.75 mm., "B" to "S" 16.5mm. Earliest date 21.12.51. Still current 8.1.59.

NOTE. - Measurements taken as follows:- "N" to "B", from the bottom of the left stroke of the "N" to the upper left corner of the "B"; "B" to "S", from the upper left corner of the "B" to the upper tip of the "S"."

(Contributed by Mr M. H. Ludington.)

BARBADOS

Locally-printed Post Cards

"After many years of correspondence between the Secretary of State for the Colonies and the Barbados Government relative to Barbados joining the Universal Postal Union, an act was passed on the 10th May, 1881, to enable the Colony to join the Union, The question as to whether or not Barbados wished to join the Union was first raised in a Circular Despatch from the Secretary of State, which was read at a meeting of the House of Assembly held on the 30th May, 1876, about a year after the formation of the Union, of which Great Britain was one of the 22 founder members. In forwarding the usual Rules and Regulations to Barbados, accepting us as a member from the 1st September, 1881, the Union included a detailed list of all of the Member and Non-Member Countries with the rates of postage on letters etc. to each country. This notice, issued by the local Post Office, occupied two complete pages of the Official Gazette for the 4th August, 1881; as we are not interested here with all of those details only those pertaining to this subject are mentioned hereunder:

To MEMBER COUNTRIES (excluding those in Asia)	Letters at 4d per ½ oz. Post Cards at l½d each
To MEMBER COUNTRIES IN ASIA (such as Ceylon, Hong Kong, &c.)	Letters at 5d per ½ oz. Post Cards at 2d each.

To NON-MEMBER COUNTRIES (such as North and West Australia, &c.)	Letters at 9d to l/- per ½ oz. No Post Card rate.

As the Barbados Post Office had never sold Post Cards before and in order to comply with these new rates, an advertisement was inserted in the Official Gazette of the 4th August, 1881, calling for tenders to print 2,000. These post cards had to be printed on card of a size not to exceed 5½" by 3½"; to bear the superscription 'Universal Postal Union' followed by the name of the Colony and repeated in the French language. They had to be delivered by noon on the 23rd August, 1881. These post cards were placed on sale on the 1st September, 1881, printed as under:

UNION POSTALE UNIVERSELLE
BARBADOS - (BARBADE)
The Address only to be written on this side.

Before they were sold to the public, however, the Post Office stuck on one of each of the current ½d. and 1d, stamps (S.G. Nos. 72 and 73) and sold them for the l½d. postage. So far as is known these locally-printed post cards have never been listed in any catalogue of the postal stationary of Barbados so they should be quite rare, especially if in used condition."

(Contributed by Mr. Herbert Bayley - Barbados.)

[NOTE:- It would be interesting to know whether any members possess any of these cards in mint or used condition. - Ed.]

BERMUDA

"I enclose for your inspection copies of S.G. 65 and 76 of the Tercentenary issues. You will observe that the '16' of '1620' seems to be joined together by an extra blob of colour in S.G.65 and in S.G.76 some of the colour is missing from the background between the letters of 'ESTABLISHMENT' especially between 'HM' and 'ME' and also between the centre and right leg of 'M.' I shall be glad to know whether any members have similar examples."

(Contributed by Mr. V. W. Heseltine.)

[NOTE. - It would appear that these are just printers' flaws. Nevertheless it would be interesting to know if they are constant. - Ed.]

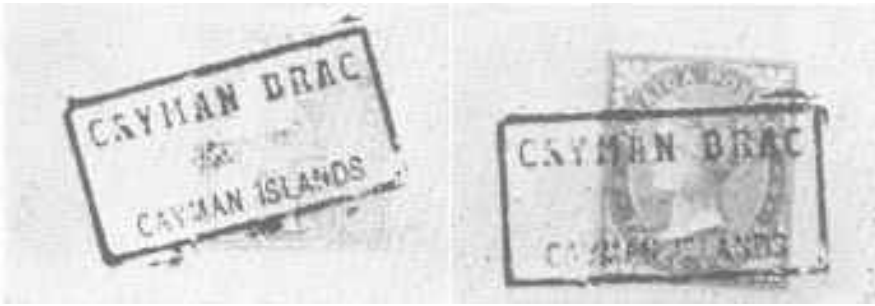
BERMUDA

"A small 'BERMUDA/PAID' handstamp with two-line date (but without indication of the office of use) was registered at the G.P.O. in May 1863 (Ludington Type P 4). I have an identifiable but not very clear strike in red on a local letter with date AP 1-64 and I believe this is the example recorded by Mr. Ludington. It is an insignificant little mark which does not readily attract attention. Has any member seen this handstamp on anything other than a local letter, and was it superseded by the larger type P 5 BERMUDA/ST.G/PAID' (known from February 1865) or was it continued in use after the arrival of the type P 5 handstamps? "

(Contributed by Cdr. G. Bridgmore Brown, F.R.P.S.L.)

CAYMAN ISLANDS

"I am enclosing photographs of two covers bearing Jamaica stamps cancelled with the first 'Cayman Brac' obliterator. There is no doubt whatsoever that the cancellations are forgeries and it occurs to me that you might draw the attention of members to this type of fake. As you will observe the impression of the two cancellations is almost identical but there are many slight differences between these and the normal. However, by far the easiest test is to be found in the lower right portion of the first 'A' of 'Cayman'



which is malformed and almost suggests the letter 'R.'
The confirmation of these being bad is to be found in the 3d. value since this particular copy has the MCA watermark and is therefore S.G.46. This was not issued until 1905 whereas the cover is neatly backstamped 'Kingston SP 26 99 Jamaica' ! ! ! "

(Contributed by Mr. Robson Lowe.)

JAMAICA

"With reference to Mr. J. D. Chorlton's enquiry in Bulletin No. 20, p. II, I would refer him to a booklet entitled 'Ocean Mails' by Philip Cockrill. In this publication three types are illustrated as follows:

Type 1. Double ring 28mm. with 'Paquebot' at top and 'Kingston, Jamaica' below.
(I have examples on 2c Panama dated 19.2.1915 and 1½d G.B. dated 12.11.1915, also four on Guatemala stamps dated between 17.1.1916 and May 1917.)

Type 2. is a large boxed type.
(I have a portion of it on a Jamaica 1d red Arms type.)

Type 3. similar to Type 1. double ring 28mm.. but with much larger lettering and 'Paquebot-Kingston' at top and 'Jamaica' below.
(I have examples on l½d G.B. dated -.7.29 and 5c Canal Zone dated 4.9.34.)

Mr. Chorlton's example is either Type 1 or 3 according to the date of use. I have always found these marks to be scarce and so far I have not been able to obtain a complete mark on cover."

(Contributed by Mr. G. W. Collett, F.R.P.S.L.)

JAMAICA

"I was most interested in Mr. Chorlton's note in Bulletin No. 20, p. 11, in regard to Kingston, Jamaica Paquebot postmarks. I have two types of this as follows:

1st Type. Double ring 28mm. with 'PAQUEBOT' at top and 'KINGSTON JAMAICA' at bottom on stamps of the U.S.A. dated 9th February, 1914.

2nd Type. Double ring same size but has 'JAMAICA' at bottom and 'PAQUEBOT-K.INGSTON' at top. I have examples of this on the stamps of eight different countries all bearing dates later than the 1st Type."

(Contributed by Dr. R. H. Blackburn.)

JAMAICA

"In the Jamaica Handbook, p. 210, the obliterator 'A71' is listed as normal Type H which puts my copy of S.G.9 in almost perfect order and I think it has been used at St. David this strike being in use from 1859 to about 1890. My other example of 'A71' is too blurred for me to identify the Type and perhaps some other member having a similar copy can offer an explanation."

(Contributed by Mr. J. D. Chorlton.)

[NOTE.- These stamps were exhibited to our President who returned them with the following comments: "Very few printing mistakes were made in the Handbook but unfortunately this was one of them. The listing should read:

A71	Normal	Type H.	Rodney Hall	1859 to 14th November 1868
A71	do.	do.	Linstead	15th November 1868 to about 1894
A72	do.	do.	Saint David	1859 to about 1890

The printers transposed the A71 and A72 and the verdict, therefore is that they are both Type H. A71 was certainly used at Linstead but St. David only used A72. They are both very common examples and as the Handbook states A71 became very thick and heavy towards the finish. We, of course, discovered the error very soon after publication but I do not recollect anything about it has ever been mentioned in print, so a note about it in the Bulletin will save others falling into confusion with this obliterator."]

LEEWARD ISLANDS

"I have two covers which readers of the Bulletin may be interested to hear about. The first is a Packet letter with the Falmouth Leeward Island Packet mark in green which is a comparatively rare mark. The letter was written at Kingston, Jamaica, on the 24th June, 1842, to addressees in Liverpool and it travelled via Falmouth, reaching its destination Liverpool on the 28th July, 1842. The letter is endorsed 'Packet' in manuscript and in addition shows a 1/- Packet letter charge. The Packet mark is of the type without the month and year in the centre and is to be found on letters written during the years 1837 to 1842. There is a similar type of mark also in green but with the month and year in the centre and this latter type of mark was used on letters from the Leeward

Islands during the years 1810 to 1830. From the dates on this Packet letter, I discovered from Lloyd's Records that it must have been carried by the steamer 'Tweed' leaving Kingston on the 25th June, reaching Cuba 26th June, Haiti 28th June, Turks Island 30th June, Nassau 4th July, Bermuda 10th July, Fayal in the Azores 19th July and Falmouth on the 26th July, where it received the Packet mark. On the reverse of the letter there is the Liverpool transit and delivery mark dated 28th July. As will be observed the ports of call of the 'Tweed' did not include any of the islands comprising the Leeward Islands, and for quite some time I wondered why a Packet letter from Kingston, Jamaica, should have a Leeward Island Packet mark applied to it when it arrived at Falmouth, bearing in mind that the 'Tweed' throughout its journey never touched at the Leeward Islands.

Eventually, having failed to find the answer to the problem I brought it to the notice of Mr. Alan W. Robertson, who was able to help me immediately. Mr. Robertson states that the Falmouth Jamaica Packet mark in use at that time was of a similar type to the Falmouth Leeward Island Packet mark and the Falmouth Jamaica Packet mark should of course have been applied to this letter. Unfortunately, the Falmouth Jamaica Packet mark had been lost or mislaid by the authorities at Falmouth in the early 1830's and the Falmouth Leeward Island Packet mark was applied to this letter as the nearest substitute. It seems incredible that no attempt was made to acquire a fresh Falmouth Jamaica handstamp to replace the one lost or mislaid, but the reason for this may well have been due to the fact that from the early 1830's onwards the importance of Falmouth as a receiving port had virtually come to an end, and the enthusiasm and interest of officials had waned in the circumstances.

My next item is a modern cover despatched from St. John's Antigua to an addressee in Surrey, England, and is postmarked at St. John's on the 26th September, 1929. The cover itself is an item of postal stationery with a Leeward Islands 1½d. stamp printed thereon and it was franked by a further 6d. Adhesive of the Leeward Islands and three 3d. stamps of Antigua. In addition, there is a light blue airmail label with the words 'By Airmail Par Avion' within a rectangular box surrounded by a thin black line: also on the cover in ms. are the words 'Par Avion' and 'Per Airmail,' and the airmail label is authentic. The writer intended the cover to go by airmail; hence the postage of 1/4½d. If the cover had gone by airmail to England it would have been of some considerable importance as airmail flights were extremely unusual in the Western Hemisphere even in 1929.

The problem here is why was the airmail label cancelled with two violet bars which clearly meant that it was not to go by airmail but by surface mail? I stumbled on the answer to this problem quite by chance one day when reading

an article dealing with the first flight of an aeroplane to the Leeward Islands; from this I noted the month and year during which the first flight occurred and then looked at the date of the postmark on my cover, finding they tallied I realised that there was a story to be told about this particular cover. It seems that the first aeroplane the Leeward Islands had ever seen was the Pan American Airways' amphibian, on its preliminary visit of inspection in July 1929. On the 22nd September, 1929, the air service from the United States of America was opened with Colonel Lindbergh piloting the first machine. It is important to note that the route followed was Miami – Havana - Port-au-Prince - Santo Domingo - San Juan - St. Thomas – Antigua - St. Lucia – Trinidad - Demerara. I imagine that on or about the third or fourth day of his itinerary i.e. 25th or 26th September, 1929, Colonel Lindbergh reached Antigua and consequently many of the inhabitants of St. John's must have been extremely excited at the prospect of the flight and seeing the famous aviator; not unnaturally, some were fired with enthusiasm at the idea of sending a letter by aeroplane. Therefore, it is not surprising that in the circumstances the writer of the letter endeavoured to send it destined for England by an air route scheduled to end at Demerara. The Postal Authorities however intervened by cancelling the airmail label with two violet parallel bars with the result that the cover went by sea after all."

(Contributed by Mr. E. V. Toeg.)

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THE HON. SECRETARY'S PARAGRAPH

Many of our readers will be familiar with the humorous letter which is a regular feature in the catalogues sent out by a well known West Country auctioneer. In a recent catalogue he draws attention, in his characteristic vein, to the fact that many of his clients have become so conscious of the prevailing postal charges that they no longer request that lots be sent for viewing but write in asking for fuller details. In very few instances, however, is a stamped addressed envelope enclosed. From my own experience I can sympathise with him for it is seldom that I receive an enquiry from a non-member in regard to the stamps of the B.W.I, accompanied by a stamp for reply. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those members who so kindly responded to my request to pay their subscriptions by Bankers' Order. All members who have adopted this method of payment will find their membership card included in their copy of this bulletin which constitutes a receipt. Elsewhere in this issue you will find details of our library and I would like to express my appreciation, on behalf of our Circle, to our member Mr M. H. Ludington for so kindly donating the two books on Bermuda stamps and I hope, that in the course of time, others will follow his excellent example. On page 20 you will find a notice in regard to the 41st Philatelic Congress of Great Britain and once again, all being well, I hope to attend. I look forward to seeing good many of our members (and others who may be interested) at our customary meeting despite the late hour it is due to start.

P.T.S.

MISCELLANEA

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COMING EVENTS

April 4th - Fifth Anniversary Meeting and Dinner.

" **23rd** - Display to the Caledonian Philatelic Society.

" **25th** - Display to Association of Sussex Philatelic Societies Convention at Brighton.

June 9th-12th - 41st Philatelic Congress at Torquay.

September 15th - Display to Eastbourne and South Downs Philatelic Society.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS, 1958

1957 £	s.	d.	INCOME	1958 £	s.	d.
46	16	1	Cash at Bank	126	6	7
121	10	0	Advertisers	153	10	0
2	0	0	Do. Paid in advance	-	-	-
28	11	8	Commissions, Donations and Opinion Fees	2	11	5
15	0	0	Commission per Sales Circuit	-	-	-
32	19	6	Dinner Account	38	12	6
9	8	11	Sales of Back Numbers of Bulletin	5	15	0
90	5	0	Subscriptions	88	10	7
20	13	0	Subscriptions paid in advance	7	17	6
369	4	2		423	3	7

1957 £	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE	1958 £	s.	d.
-	-	-	Advertising	2	2	0
5	17	6	Bank Charges and Cheques	4	15	6
-	-	-	Contribution to Expenses of Meeting of Northern Members	7	7	0
48	12	6	Dinner Account	46	4	6
13	1	3	Entertaining, Hire of Meeting Room and Sundry Items	13	7	3
2	8	6	Insurance	-	-	-
23	7	1	Postage	23	15	0
109	19	3	Printing and Blocks	117	17	0
2	11	3	Purchase of Books	6	10	6
-	-	-	Refund Subscriptions, etc.	2	16	0
			Subscriptions:-			
			British Philatelic Association £3 3 0			
			Philatelic Congress of Great Britain £2 2 0			
5	5	0		5	5	0
26	6	3	Stationery	3	12	8
5	9	0	Telephone & Travel Expenses	13	3	4
-	-	-	Typing	3	17	6
			Transfer to Deposit Account –			
-	-	-	Publications Fund	25	0	0
126	6	7	Cash at Bank being surplus for year	147	10	4
369	4	2		423	3	7

SALES CIRCUIT

-	-	-	Cash at Bank	5	7	3
263	8	5	Sales	100	11	10
-	-	-	Refund Cheque Stamps		3	8
263	8	5		106	2	9

			Transfer to main account by			
15	0	0	way of commission	-	-	-
233	7	9	Payment to Members	84	7	9
4	0	0	Bank Charges and Cheques		19	6
2	11	0	Insurance	4	4	8
2	0	0	Postage Float	2	0	0
1	2	5	Stationery	-	-	-
5	7	3	Cash at bank being surplus for year	14	10	10
263	8	5		106	2	9

I have examined the above Statement of Accounts and certify it to be correct and in accordance with the books and vouchers produced to me.
A. J. BRANSTON, **Hon Auditor**
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